

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO: 10-306

v.

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SECTION: “K” (3)

TRACY LOUIS TARDIFF, JR.

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FACTUAL BASIS

Should this matter have gone to trial, the government would have proved beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible tangible exhibits, the following to support the allegations charged by the government in the one-count Indictment now pending against the defendant, Tracy Louis Tardiff, Jr. (“TARDIFF”).

A.C., a United States postal letter carrier, would testify that on October 21, 2010, he was a federal officer who was engaged in the performance of his official duty. On that day, while wearing his postal uniform, A.C. was delivering mail in the 1100 block of S. Pine Street, Slidell, Louisiana, when he heard a woman screaming down the street. A.C. observed TARDIFF chase after the woman, and it appeared as though TARDIFF was going to hit her head into the bumper of a pick-up truck.

A. C. yelled for TARDIFF to stop and dialed 911 on his cellular phone. A.C. ran towards the female in an attempt to help her when TARDIFF grabbed A.C., took his cellular phone away from him, and asked, “You calling the police?” TARDIFF then punched A.C. in the neck and ran down the street chasing the female with A.C.’s cellular phone in his hand. A few minutes later, TARDIFF came back towards A.C., tossed the cellular phone back to A.C., and then ran off. A.C. dialed 911 again and was able to speak with the dispatcher. A.C. would testify that he experienced pain when hit by TARDIFF and had redness where he was struck. He did not require medical assistance.

Slidell police officers would testify that they were called to the scene and arrested TARDIFF in the area. The Slidell police officers and the Postal Inspectors from the United States Postal Inspection Service would further testify that they interviewed the female who was chased by TARDIFF and another witness, both of whom corroborated A.C.’s account of events.

A.C. was in the course of delivering the mail when TARDIFF forcibly impeded and interfered with him by physical contact while A.C. was engaged in his official duty.

TRACY LOUIS TARDIFF, JR.
Defendant

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